

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An albumin preparation containing amino acids and comprising human serum albumin, a plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids and water, said preparation being in a form suitable for administration to a patient for treatment of liver diseases.

2. (currently amended) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the human serum albumin is 0.01 to 1.0 w/v %.

3. (original) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of said plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids is 5 to 10 w/v %.

4. (original) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the branched amino acids is equal to or more than 30 w/w % on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) is equal to or more than 20.

5. (currently amended) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the human serum albumin is 0.01 to 1.0 w/v %, a content of said plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids is 5 to 10 w/v %, a content of the branched amino acids is equal to or more than 30 w/w % on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) is equal to or more than 20.

6. (currently amended) An albumin preparation comprising 0.01 to 1.0 w/v % of human serum albumin, 5 to 10 w/v % of a plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids, a content of branched amino acids of 30 w/w % or more on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) of 20 or more, the plurality of amino acids having the following composition:

amino acid	content ratio (w/w %)
L-threonine	2.0 to 6.0
L-serine	2.0 to 8.0
L-proline	2.0 to 11.0
L-cystein	0 to 2.0
glycine	1.0 to 12.0
L-alanine	4.0 to 12.0
L-valine	10.0 to 14.0
L-methione	0 to 2.0
L-isoleucine	8.0 to 16.0

L-leucine	10.0 to 17.0
L-phenylalanin	0 to 2.0
L-tryptophan	0 to 2.0
L-lysine	3.0 to 10.0
L-histidine	1.0 to 5.0
L-arginine	7.0 to 21.0
L-aspartic acid	0 to 3.0
L-glutamic acid	0 to 6.0
L-tyrosine	0 to 1.0

the content ratio being a ratio by weight to total amino ~~acids~~
acids, said preparation being in a form suitable for administration
to a patient for treatment of liver diseases.

7. (previously presented) A method of treating liver
diseases comprising administering an albumin preparation as claimed
in claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.

8. (previously presented) The albumin preparation as
claimed in claim 1, wherein said preparation is in the form of a
sterilized aqueous solution.

9. (previously presented) The albumin preparation as
claimed in claim 6, wherein said preparation is in the form of a
sterilized aqueous solution.